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ENGINEERED RICE (LLRICE601): BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE

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1. (U) Per reftel, Embassy shared GE rice talking points with the following Nicaraguan officials on August 25: Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Director General for Animal and Plant Health Protection Dr. Denis Salgado, Seed Department Director Xavier Eslaquit also of the Animal and Plant Health Protection Directorate, Ministry of Development, Trade and Industry Director for Normalization and Measurements Noemi Solano, and Ministry of Health Director for Food Norms Edgardo Perez. These officials thanked us for the information, but offered no comments. Nicaragua imported over 192,000 MT of rice from the United States worth over \$40 million in 2005.
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